



FAST FACTS

Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB) is the primary source of donated food for hunger-relief charities and feeding programs in 13 North Texas counties.

MISSION

Empowering communities to eliminate hunger by providing food, education and resources through innovation and collaboration.

NEED

People seeking food assistance include low-wage workers and their families, senior citizens living on fixed incomes, victims of family violence and of disasters, the chronically ill, the severely disabled, the homeless, the under-employed and the temporarily and long-term unemployed. **Over one third of those served by Tarrant Area Food Bank and its network are children.**

SERVICES

Tarrant Area Food Bank rescues edible surplus fresh, frozen and nonperishable food from becoming waste by accepting tens of millions of pounds each year from the food industry.

We provide food to church food pantries, senior citizen centers, emergency shelters for abuse victims and homeless families, soup kitchens, low-income child care centers, TAFB Food for Kids programs, rehabilitation facilities and other social service centers.

Counties served: Tarrant, Bosque, Cooke, Denton, Erath, Hamilton, Hill, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell and Wise.

To complement the distribution of food to Partner Agencies:

Food for Kids provides after school and summer meals for children from low-income families as well as nonperishable, ready-to-eat food for children at risk of hunger on weekends.

Nutrition Education and Community Gardening emphasize the link between healthy food choices and good health. Classes using the Share Our Strength Cooking Matters® curriculum teach individuals and families how to get the best nutrition possible on a limited budget.

Mobile Pantries take perishable foods to sites hosted by Partner Agencies and communities where an average of 500 families per site select fresh produce, dairy products, frozen meats and other food transported by a refrigerated TAFB truck.

Free job training in culinary skills in our Community Kitchen prepares low-income adults for entry-level jobs in the food service industry while they produce meals for food-aid agencies.

RESULTS

Every month, partner charities access food from our warehouse equivalent to an average of nearly 3 million meals. This food is distributed to families and individuals in the form of groceries and served as prepared meals and snacks on the charities' sites.

Children eating in **Kids Cafes** or participating in our **BackPacks for Kids** weekend feeding program have more energy and earn better grades according to teachers and parents. **Families** eat healthier diets with fresh foods from Mobile Pantries and tips learned in nutrition classes.

Community Kitchen graduates find employment with advancement opportunities at local country clubs, restaurants, hospitals, hotels, bakeries and other food service companies.

EFFICIENCY

A **\$1.00 donation** helps Tarrant Area Food Bank provide enough donated food for 5 meals.

Over 8,600 volunteers contributed over 80,000 hours of service to the Food Bank in fiscal year 2013-2014, and thereby saved Tarrant Area Food Bank hundreds of thousands of dollars.

As a member of Feeding America, the national food bank network, Tarrant Area Food Bank is in full compliance with Feeding America standards of operation and performance.

Tarrant Area Food Bank is operated in accordance with U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, political beliefs, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, reprisal and, where applicable, marital status and familial or parental status.